



## **Article of the Month:**

[Anticipating Fall Protests, Colleges Adopt a Range of Approaches](#) - The summer has been relatively free of campus protests against the Israel-Hamas war. But institutions continue to grapple with conduct violations and policy changes following the spring encampments.

## **Higher Education News**

[Campus Protests Are Coming Back. Students and Administrators Are Digging In.](#) - Pro-Palestinian student activists plan to meet colleges' enhanced restrictions on free expression with an equal and opposite force.

[Colleges Face Growing Demands to Step Up Enforcement on Student Protesters Who Cross a Line](#) - A Republican congresswoman had choice words for what she said were Columbia's failures to discipline activists, while the UC system president said its campuses would tighten their protocols.

[After Ban on Race-Conscious Admissions, MIT's Black and Latino Enrollment Plunges](#) - Asian students will now compose almost half the freshman class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. White enrollment was not affected.

[The fastest-growing college expense may not be what people think](#) - College housing costs are rising faster than tuition, as some universities try to rein them in.

[Universities face constraints in efforts to build more graduate student housing, Moody's says](#) - Affordable housing is a major need for the cohort, which faces a higher student loan burden. But rising construction costs are slowing projects, according to the ratings agency.

[A 'hidden liability': Colleges face up to \\$950B in capital needs, Moody's says](#) - Growing maintenance backlogs could push more colleges to invest in their facilities, but it will come at a heavy cost in a time of inflation, tight resources and uncertainty.



[3 Topics That Were on Everyone's Minds at the SHEEO Conference](#) - State officials from across the country are recognizing a new reality for public postsecondary education as enrollment declines, political culture wars rage, finances grow fragile and workforce demands compound.

[The Growing Trend of Attacks on Tenure](#) - A study of around a decade of legislative proposals to ban tenure finds some common characteristics of states where these bills ap-



peared. But while outright bans have so far failed, other laws - and actions outside of statehouses - have weakened tenure anyway.

[The AI Hiring Spree](#) - Colleges face stiff competition as they race to build faculties with expertise.

[Report Finds Higher Ed Sector Shrank by 2 Percent](#) - Data from the National Center for Education Statistics shows that nearly 100 institutions closed between the 2022–23 and 2023–24 academic years.



[For Parents, College Choice Is All About Cost](#) - According to a new study, the top concerns among primary caretakers helping their kids decide where to go to college center on debt and the cost of a degree.

[Blueprint for Climate Action Across Higher Ed](#) - Colleges and universities are well positioned to tackle the effects of climate change from multiple angles, according to a new report from the Aspen Institute.

[Higher Ed Unionization Has Surged Since 2012, Bucking U.S. Labor Trends](#) - The number of unionized grad-student workers more than doubled in just over a decade, according to a new report on higher education labor. Most of the growth came at private institutions, where faculty unionization has also spiked.

[A New Title IX Era Brings Confusion and Frustration](#) - A spate of lawsuits and court injunctions has complicated colleges' efforts to comply with the Biden administration's overhaul of the 52-year-old law, leaving Title IX coordinators frustrated and uncertain about how to move forward.

[Declining Enrollment, FAFSA Issues Led to More Cuts in July](#) - Enrollment challenges, compounded by the FAFSA fiasco, drove layoffs and program cuts as colleges sought to plug budget holes.

[Harris's VP Pick Has Backed Free College, Big Investments in State Universities](#) - The second-term governor and former high school teacher is known as someone who believes in the power of education.

[Rethinking Campus Spaces Amid Enrollment Declines](#) - Some universities are knocking down aging facilities and redesigning campuses for fewer students with different needs than past generations.



[Education Department Delays FAFSA Launch for Most Students](#) - By pushing back the form's mass release to Dec. 1, the department is hoping to avoid the technical issues that plagued this year's application.

[Free Community College Just Keeps Growing. Here's the Latest.](#) - This month, Michigan and Massachusetts began covering tuition costs for a broader swath of state residents. Campus leaders say they are already seeing positive signs.



## **Ivy+ News**

[Brown president details process, guidance for reviewing divestment proposal](#) - Before a board vote in October, Brown's Advisory Committee on University Resource Management is developing a recommendation on a divestment proposal submitted for review by a coalition of students.

[State AGs Warn Brown on Looming Divestment Vote](#)

[Vanderbilt Moves Forward on Florida Expansion Plans](#) - Vanderbilt University has plans to expand from Tennessee into Florida, potentially developing a new \$520 million campus in downtown West Palm Beach.

[Columbia's Medical School Receives \\$400 Million](#) - Donation will expand the Roy and Diana Vagelos Institute for Basic Biomedical Science.

[New \\$30 million award from The Duke Endowment to elevate computing and A.I. at Duke](#)

[Columbia President Minouche Shafik Resigns Unexpectedly](#) - After a little more than a year in the position, she becomes the third college president to lose her job after testifying before Congress about antisemitism on campus.

[Johns Hopkins Announces 'Posture of Restraint' on Statements](#) - Academic leaders at Johns Hopkins University announced that from now on they will exercise a "posture of restraint" when issuing public statements on human rights violations, acts of discrimination, military conflicts, natural disasters and more.

[Boston U Grad Worker Strike Now Longest in a Decade](#) - With fall classes beginning about a week from now, the private institution must reach a deal soon with its student employees—or face further disruption.





## **Regional News**

### **[In New Hampshire, a Mandate to Collaborate](#)**

- The state's public universities are hemorrhaging students. A new law requires community colleges and four-year institutions to work together to stanch the bleeding.

## **Dartmouth News**

### **[Dartmouth, N.H. Community Colleges Discuss Collaboration](#)**

- The possibilities include the arts, professional development, and STEM.



### **[Dartmouth Engineering Leads Team Selected for ARPA-H Award to Develop Novel Technologies for Precise Tumor Removal](#)**

- ARPA-H is committing up to \$31.3 million over 7 years to the Dartmouth-led team to create a laparoscope-integrating imaging solution that will be especially helpful in prostate cancer surgeries.

### **[\\$28M Federal Grant to Fund Medical Innovations from Dartmouth Health Research](#)**

- The seven-year grant will help speed the imple-

mentation of proven medical innovations. The joint initiative includes Dartmouth Health, Geisel School of Medicine, and Thayer School of Engineering.

**[Alexis Abramson Tapped to Lead a New School at Columbia](#)** - Doug Van Citters will serve as interim dean of Thayer.



### **[Geisel Dean Duane Compton to Complete Term in June 2025](#)**

- The professor of biochemistry will return to research and teaching next year.





## F&A Professional Development Events

Check out HR's [Course Catalog](#) which lists numerous professional development opportunities, with courses available through [December](#).

### **Coffee Break: Summer Vacation and Projects**

Friday, September 6, 10:30 - 10:55 - [Zoom](#)

Join us for our upcoming coffee break where we'll swap stories and showcase highlights from our summer adventures! Bring 2-3 pictures to share and let's dive into this summer's amazing projects and experiences. We can't wait to see what you've been up to!

### **Career Path Discussion: Tawnia Boutin**

Friday, September 13, 11:00 - 12:00 - [Zoom](#)

With >20 years of transformative experience at Dartmouth, Tawnia has served as Director of Institutional Accounting, Senior Director for Accounting and Finance Center Operations, and currently as the Executive Director for Finance Operations. Join us to gain firsthand insights into Tawnia's career milestones, her strategic approach to problem-solving, and her work at Dartmouth. This is a unique opportunity to learn from a leader who has influenced financial services and operational excellence.

### **Mini-Session: TED Watch and Talk - 3 Ways to Lead Tough, Unavoidable Conversations**

Friday, September 20, 10:00 - 11:00 - [Zoom](#)

Lisa Loomis, Senior Trainer and Consultant in Learning and Development will be facilitating a TED watch and talk. In this practical talk, conflict resolution expert Adar Cohen urges us to lean into these exchanges and offers three simple ways to steer them more effectively. If this is your first time attending a TED video discussion, here is what you can expect. We will be watching a TED talk together and then having a conversation about the content. There will be an opportunity for small group discussion and personal reflection.

### **Day in the Life of the Office of Sponsored Projects**

Friday, October 4, 10:00 - 11:00 - [Zoom](#)

Step into the world of the Office of Sponsored Projects with our engaging "Day in the Life" presentation! Discover the dynamic and multifaceted role this team plays in driving innovation and securing funding for groundbreaking research and initiatives. Through a series of captivating stories and behind-the-scenes glimpses, they will showcase the diverse challenges and triumphs that define a typical day. From navigating complex grant proposals to fostering collaborative partnerships, see firsthand how their expertise shapes the future of our projects.